

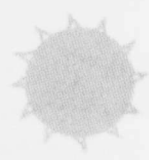
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## Student loan companies under investigation

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Responding to a nationwide scandal that revealed a propitious relationship between university officials and student loan companies, California Attorney General Jerry Brown ordered April 18 that two finance companies submit details of their business deals with California colleges and universities to the state.

"Cal Poly students need to know that the Financial Aid Office is not doing this and that the Chancellor's Office would frown upon this," said Lois Kelly, director of financial aid. "We have no such program set up, except for what a student would (normally) pay, such as student fees."

Over the past couple of weeks, university financial aid officers — who are expected to give unbiased advice on students' financial aid options — and loan companies have been found to be making backdoor deals that benefit themselves financially, leaving students with even higher debt in the process.

Investigators for the state of New York have already started looking into the issue, finding that some

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## Mustangs stampede to Open House



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Clockwise from the top: Elliot French partakes in the bareback riding contest at the rodeo on Saturday night; a crowd watches the Poly Royal Tractor Pull on Saturday; a student and his family look at a club's display at the club information and concession booths; and the Lion Dance Team performs.

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## Cal Poly honors outstanding student employee of the year

President Warren Baker presented Amy Swanson with the Outstanding Employee of the Year award on Thursday.

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"Exceptional," "outstanding leadership skills," "respected by peers" and "WOW!" These were just a few of the many phrases used to describe Amy Swanson, who was chosen as the Outstanding Employee of the Year (OSEY) on Thursday.

Swanson, a Career Services employee and Counseling and Guidance

Services and higher education graduate student, talked about how she felt winning such a highly regarded campus award.

"I'm completely overwhelmed, excited about winning the award and surprised," Swanson said. "It's really, really such an honor."

Twenty-nine student employee nominees and their respective nominating supervisors, friends and/or family members attended the coveted

ceremony.

Associate director for Financial Aid Luann McDonald said there were a vast number of students that were sifted through just to come up with this year's winner.

"We have approximately 2,500 student employees on campus, which gets whittled down to the 29 nominees for 2006-07," McDonald said. "From there, we have a second runner-up, a

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## COMING UP... EVENTS CALENDAR

**What:** Bid on a bike at the University Police Department's annual bike auction.

**When:** Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Where:** The University Police Department Station on North Perimeter Road.

**For more info:** Contact the police department at (805) 756-6654.

**What:** A noted author and expert on the relationship between hip-hop and politics will speak on "Dr. King's Legacy and the Hip-Hop generation."

**When:** Tuesday, April 24 at 6 p.m.

**Where:** The Performing Arts Pavilion, room 128

**For more info:** Call Renoda Campbell at (805) 756-1405.

**What:** Career Services will review resumes for all majors at their Resume Clinic.

**When:** Thursday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to noon

**Where:** Career Services in Student Services building in room 224

**For more info:** Call Career Services at (805) 756-2501.

**What:** Sample wine from more than 90 wineries when the Vines to Wines club presents the fifth annual Cal Poly Wine Festival.

**When:** Saturday, April 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Where:** The Historic Santa Margarita Ranch

**For more info:** Go to [www.calpolywinefestival.com](http://www.calpolywinefestival.com).



## Loans

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loan companies offered vacations and other perks to university personnel. The federal government is also investigating the situation.

The two companies in question in California are Education Finance Partners and Student Loan Xpress.

"The details that have emerged from the national scandal concerning gouging of college students and kickbacks to lenders of student financial aid are just the tip of the iceberg," said John Travis, president of the California Faculty Association, in a press release.

The California Faculty Association said that one of the loan companies under investigation has a relationship with the California State University system. The CFA, which represents the CSU system, is thankful for the attorney general's

efforts, Travis said.

At Cal Poly, seniors graduating in four years had an average of \$14,032 in debt from student loans, according to data compiled in June 2006. That same year, just under \$52 million was borrowed by students, with the average loan amount being \$3,900 for undergraduates.

Although the financial aid office does compile a "preferred lender list" of 15 well-liked loans companies — all of which have had good track records — students are encouraged to research and choose the lenders that they — not the school — like best, Kelly said.

"It's really important to know that the financial aid office works with the students. We only put the names out there to help students narrow down the scope of their options," Kelly said. "If students find something better, then we want them to tell us." The consensus among Cal Poly students seemed to be the same: Financial aid officers and loan companies should not

be benefiting themselves, but students.

"That seems to be common with insurance companies and financial aid groups. It sucks because students already have so many fees to pay," kinesiology junior Allyce Garcia said. "It's not fair that (financial aid officers) already get a lot of money and then get perks, too."

For civil engineering freshman Jose Mederos and others, this scandal hits a little closer to home.

"I am here because of financial aid, so I don't agree with (the scandal) at all. The students should get all the financial aid they can. I know a lot of students (who are only) here because of financial aid," Mederos said.

There could be implications for the future, Mederos said.

"I could see people not going to college because of this, not getting the opportunity to pursue their education because of financial need. These officers could be preventing students from going to college."

## Employee

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first runner-up, and of course, this year's Outstanding Student Employee of the Year."

McDonald said that during the course of the ceremony, all of the nominees are personally recognized by Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

First runner-up Jeffrey Morgan, a liberal studies major and Admissions employee, said being acknowledged by the campus elite was an honor.

"It's really great to be recognized by the powerful people on campus, including President Baker," Morgan said. "I'm probably one of the few students who's actually met him and shook his hand and been congratulated by him. That was really nice."

Swanson also said she enjoyed receiving accolades from the campus president.

"I'm graduating in June, so it was great personally receiving the award from President Baker," Swanson said.

McDonald, who is also the Planning Committee chair for the OSEY awards, said that the name of the winner is kept secret until the ceremony.

"All the student employees are informed they have been nominated, after that things are kept quiet," McDonald said.

Second runner-up Kelley Colditz, nutrition senior and Associated Students Inc. employee, said she was shocked when she was told about the ceremony.

"I was only told about the reception today," Colditz said. "It was such a pleasant surprise to show up and hear that I am a runner-up."

Swanson said she was informed of the nomination but also expressed her disbelief at taking the top honor.

"I heard I was nominated a couple of weeks ago," Swanson said. "When I came here today, I had no idea I was going to win this great award."

As well as maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average, Swanson juggles an entire host of other duties.

"I am the graduate intern at Career Services. I do career counseling appointments with students, workshops throughout the campus and I'm also adviser for the peer advising staff in the office," Swanson said.

Her future goal is to work in student affairs or one-on-one as a student counselor.

"I've really found my passion in career counseling," Swanson said.

## UCLA study shows dieting fails in the long run

Alicia Chang  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Roberta Perry has tried it all to lose the pounds — organized diet programs, prescription pills, psychotherapy, even hypnosis.

Those efforts worked for a while for the Pennsylvania woman, but the weight inevitably crept back up. After years of yo-yo dieting, Perry realized it would take more than gimmicks to slim down.

"As much as I would like to have a magic bullet, I knew the only way to lose weight was eat less and exercise more," said the 39-year-old public relations consultant.

Her experience is a common one. Researchers at the University of

California, Los Angeles, examining 31 weight-loss studies found long-term dieting doesn't keep the pounds off. While people can lose weight initially, many relapse and regain the weight they shed.

The findings confirm what many scientists have been saying all along: Losing weight is easy. Keeping it off is another story.

"If dieting worked, there would be a bunch of skinny people walking around," said obesity researcher Dr. David Katz, head of Yale University's Prevention Research Center, who did not participate in the latest study.

Since the 1970s, the ranks of overweight and obese Americans have risen with two-thirds of adults in that category. Obesity raises the risk of heart disease, diabetes and some can-

cers. Being overweight increases blood pressure and cholesterol levels which can lead to heart disease.

Many factors can conspire against successful weight reduction, health experts say. Diets can be boring and there's always a temptation to return to old habits. Serial dieters may also become discouraged and give up when their weight plateaus. People who lose too much too soon don't learn to make the overall lifestyle changes — eating healthier foods and exercising regularly — that are necessary to keep their weight stable.

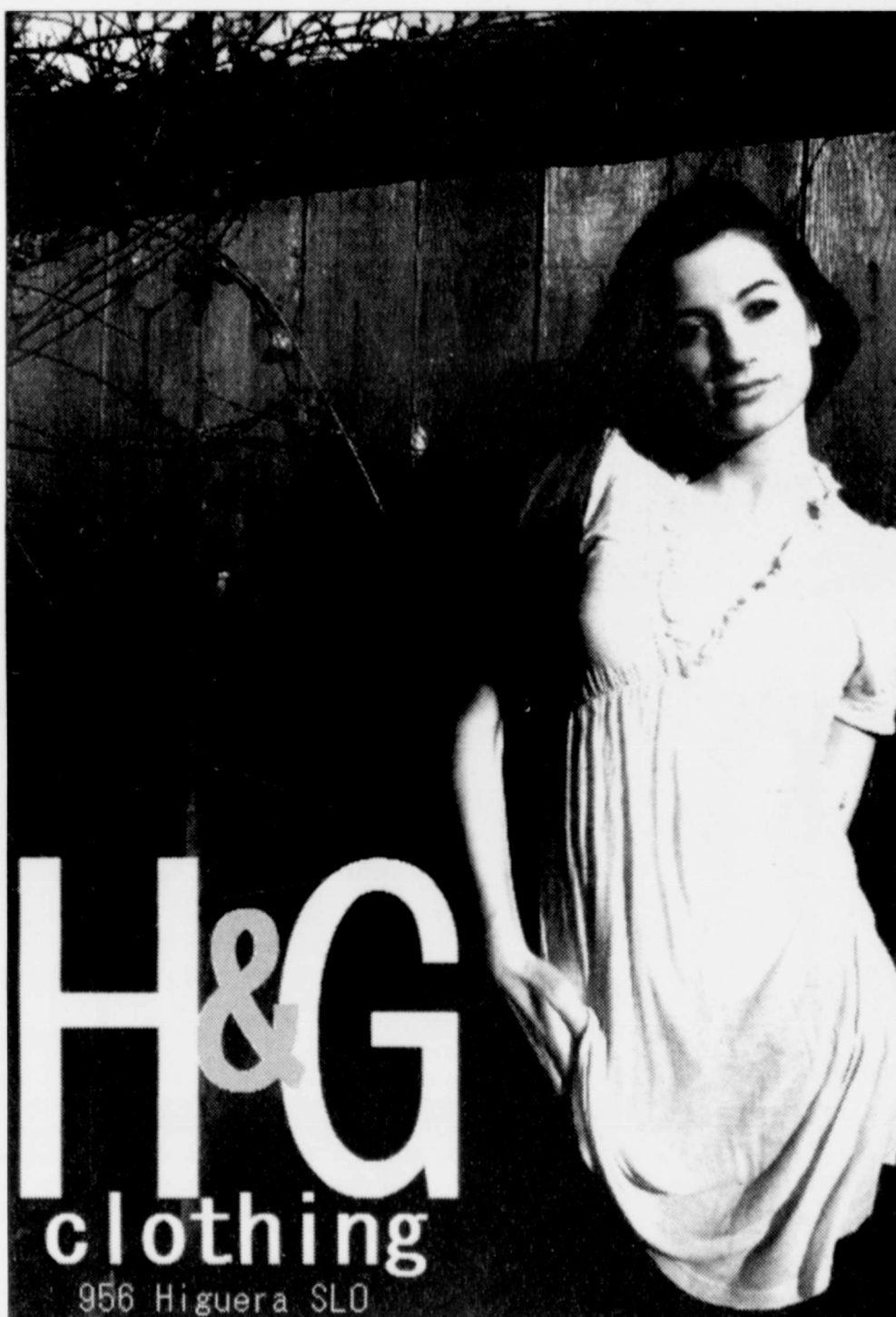
"It's just plain difficult to modify your diet and turn away from the pleasures of eating," said Michael Goran, an obesity researcher at the University of Southern California. "We're driven to eat."

The UCLA researchers analyzed 31 diet studies that followed people two to five years after they went on diets. Between one-third and two-thirds gained back the weight they lost. A small number were able to successfully maintain their weight loss.

The UCLA study did not compare individual fad diets or organized weight-loss programs.

"We're not saying don't make some kind of effort," said Traci Mann, the UCLA psychologist who led the study. "It means that people should be quite clear that a diet is a temporary fix."

The study appeared in the April issue of *American Psychologist*, a publication of the American Psychological Association.



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# Calif. Democratic House member Millender-McDonald dies of cancer; had taken leave from office



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**Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, D-Calif. meets reporters on Capitol Hill. Millender-McDonald died early Sunday, April 22, 2007 of cancer, an aide said.**

**Peter Prengaman**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, a seven-term congresswoman from southern California, died early Sunday of cancer. She was 68.

Millender-McDonald died at her home in Carson, said her chief of staff, Bandle McQueen.

The congresswoman had asked for a four- to six-week leave of absence from the House last week to deal with her illness. McQueen couldn't immediately provide details on what form of cancer Millender-McDonald had, but said she had been receiving hospice care.

"Juanita Millender-McDonald was a trailblazer, always advocating for the full participation of all Americans in the success and prosperity of our country," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement. "The dignity with which she faced her illness was an indication of the determination with which she always served the people of her district."

Millender-McDonald represented a heavily Democratic southern California district that includes Compton, Long Beach and parts of Los Angeles.

"She was a champion for the consumer and fought injustice wherever she saw it. She always valued public service and served her state and nation with grace and honor," said California Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres, who served with her in the California state Legislature.

Millender-McDonald is the second member of Congress to die this year of cancer. Republican Rep. Charles Norwood Jr. of Georgia died in February after battling cancer and lung disease.

"Many of us are very saddened by her death, and in some respects

stunned by it," said state Sen. Mark Ridley-Thomas, who has worked with Millender-McDonald in different capacities for more than two decades. "She knew about the issues of justice and injustice, and carried that banner wherever she went."

The congresswoman's son, R. Keith McDonald, had received "temporary emergency release" from a 41-month prison term after his mother had surgery in May 2005, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The former Los Angeles water district official was convicted of extortion in a contracts case. Millender-McDonald was never implicated.

The congresswoman, a native of Birmingham, Ala., worked on former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's unsuccessful 1982 gubernatorial campaign and other local races as a volunteer before getting elected to the Carson City Council in 1990.

She went on to serve in the California state Assembly, and in 1996 sought a U.S. House seat during a special election to replace Rep. Walter Tucker III, who had been convicted of taking bribes while mayor of Compton and of cheating on his taxes.

She won the special election, and in March beat out Tucker's wife, Robin, in a primary that featured nine Democrats. She won a full House term in November 1996 and has subsequently won re-election easily.

Millender-McDonald has recently worked on issues including election reform and opposing the genocide in Darfur. She drew national attention in 1996 when she took then-CIA director John Deutch to Watts to address the community following a newspaper report alleging that profits from domestic sales of crack-cocaine were funneled to the CIA-backed Contras in Nicaragua.

This year, Millender-McDonald became chair of the Committee on House Administration, which oversees operations of the House and federal election procedures.

She is survived by her husband, James McDonald, Jr., and five adult children.

Under California election procedures, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has 14 days to set a date for a special election to fill the seat.

## State

**SACRAMENTO (AP) —** Assemblyman Lloyd Levine wants California to turn off the incandescent light bulb.

The Sherman Oaks Democrat has introduced a bill that would bar sales of the high-energy bulbs starting in 2012. It's scheduled to be considered Monday by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee, which Levine chairs.

Replacing incandescent bulbs with the more efficient compact fluorescent lights would produce a "huge energy savings" Levine said.

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**LAGUNA BEACH (AP) —**

A man and a woman were found dead in a hotel room at a luxury oceanfront resort Sunday morning after a shooting that involved police, authorities said.

It was unclear whether an officer's gun was discharged during the incident, police said in a statement.

A security guard at Montage Resort and Spa called police at 7:40 a.m. saying a man and a woman were engaged in a domestic dispute, the statement said. A subsequent caller said there was a "crazy woman with a gun," in the hotel's parking garage.

## Briefs

### National

**RENO, Nev. (AP) —** Winter lingered in the Sierra on Sunday as a storm left up to 18 inches of much-needed snow and delayed mountain motorists.

The potent storm came too late for most Lake Tahoe ski resorts after a disheartening ski season that saw less than half the usual snowfall.

But the fresh snow caused excitement at the few ski areas still open, and was welcome news for more reason than one.

"The new snow is great for diehard skiers and snowboarders, and will provide good conditions for the rest of spring," said Alpine Meadows spokeswoman Rachael Woods.

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**PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) —**

Investigators looked through wreckage Sunday to determine what caused a Navy Blue Angel jet to crash during a maneuver, while the military identified the fallen pilot as a 32-year-old who was performing in one of his first air shows with the team. Lt. Cmdr. Kevin J. Davis of Pittsfield, Mass. was in his second year with the Blue Angels, the team known for its high-speed, aerobatic demonstrations, Lt. Cmdr. Garrett Kasper said.

### International

**BAGHDAD (AP) —** Gunmen shot and killed 23 members of an ancient religious sect in northern Iraq on Sunday after stopping their bus and separating out followers of other faiths while car bombings in the capital killed at least another 20 people.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, in Egypt to drum up support among Arab leaders for his Shiite-led government, told Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that Iraq was not embroiled in a civil or sectarian war. Key Arab leaders pressured him to step up reconciliation efforts to include Sunni insurgents if he expects Arab support.

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**SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) —**

A fast-moving fire tore through an orphanage in Bosnia's capital early Sunday, killing five babies and injuring 17 others and a nurse, police and hospital officials said.

The blaze broke out on the third floor of the Ljubica Ivezic orphanage in downtown Sarajevo around 6 a.m. and rapidly spread to three rooms where the babies were sleeping, according to the Sarajevo fire brigade.

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# Alcohol course required in fall for U. Mississippi students

April Wroblewski

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OXFORD, Miss. — In attempts to reach out to students concerning alcohol-related problems on campus, the University of Mississippi will require all incoming freshmen to take an alcohol education course beginning in fall 2007.

Barbara Collier, director of University Health Services, said Ole Miss has a goal of not only reaching freshmen with the new alcohol education class but also upperclassmen, Greeks and athletes.

"This is something that we want everyone to know," Collier said.

The program will be a two-part online course in which students will read information provided and answer questions based upon their assessment of the information. Students will be directed to information based on what type of answers they give. For example, a student who says he does not drink at all will be provided with different information than students who say they drink heavily.

Incoming freshmen and transfer students will be required to take the first part of the course before enrolling in the university. According to Collier, this portion of the course is estimated to take a total of three hours.

"It is not recommended that the student do it all in one sitting but rather get up from it and come back to it in parts," Collier said. "When a student logs in, it will take them to where they last left off. What we hope this becomes is like other paperwork that the student has to fill out before they

come to school, such as their health forms and so on."

Once at school, the incoming students will be required to take the second part between August and when Rush begins. It is to be a pass or fail evaluation. If a student fails, he or she will be required to take the test again.

The program will cost the university approximately \$3,500, but Collier said students will be able to take the course free of charge.

According to Collier, the university has conducted independent studies concerning the program. The research shows that after taking the course, students knew about 70 percent more about blood alcohol levels, and 30 percent of those students were less likely to become problematic drinkers. A study conducted in 2003 showed those who took the course had 50 percent fewer health consequences connected with alcohol compared to those not exposed to the program.

Fraternities and sororities require their members to take a similar alcohol education session.

Scarlett Rogers, a freshman and member of Kappa Alpha Theta, participated in the program, but said she did not find the program very useful.

"I can see the benefit of it, but it is quite time consuming, so it becomes easier to let it run in the background while doing something else than to listen to it," Rogers said. "It's a very long program. I did not learn much from the program I have not already learned about in the past. The most beneficial part was the blood alcohol level estimator."

# French voters propel Royal, Sarkozy to presidential runoff

Angela Charlton

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Nicolas Sarkozy and Segolene Royal advanced to a runoff in Sunday's presidential election, presenting France with a fundamental left-right choice between a conservative who could push his anxious nation toward painful change and a socialist who would be the country's first female leader.

Royal is the first woman to get this close to the helm of this major European economic, military and diplomatic power after a campaign marked by suspense, surprise and unusually dynamic candidates who lured voters to the ballot box in near record numbers.

Sarkozy has the advantage heading into the May 6 runoff. Partial results from the Interior Ministry, based on a count of 30 million votes — or more than 80 percent — had Sarkozy leading with 30 percent, followed by Royal with 25 percent.

Either way, France will get its first president with no memory of World War II to replace the 74-year-old Jacques Chirac, who is stepping down after 12 years to usher in a new generation of candidates.

Sunday's first round of voting shut out 10 other hopefuls, from Trotskyists to far right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen. Le Pen had hoped to repeat his shockingly strong showing of 2002 but instead finished a weak fourth.

Both Sarkozy, a Hungarian immigrant's son, and Royal, a military officer's daughter who beat Socialist heavyweights to win her party's nomination, are in their 50s and have traveled long, arduous roads to get to this point.

The winner's task will be tough: France is a troubled nation, still haunted by the riots by young blacks and Arabs in poor neighborhoods in 2005.

Decades of stubbornly high unemployment, increasing competition from economies like China's, and a sense that France is losing influence in the world made this a passionate campaign. Both Royal and Sarkozy have promised to get France back on its feet — but offer starkly different paths for doing

that.

Sarkozy would loosen labor laws and cut taxes to invigorate the sluggish economy, while Royal would hike government spending and preserve the country's generous worker protections.

Royal, too, champions change but says it must not be brutal.

"I extend my hand to all those women and men who think, as I do, that it is not only possible but urgent to abandon a system that no longer works," she said.

The runoff offers "a clear choice between two very different paths," she said.

Outside Socialist Party headquarters in Paris, supporters reacted to the result with joy, chanting, "We're going to win!"

Sarkozy told cheering supporters Sunday night that by choosing him and Royal, voters "clearly marked their wish to go to the very end of the debate between two ideas of the nation, two programs for society, two value systems, two concepts of politics."

Despite Sarkozy's lead, he faces a powerful "Anything But Sarkozy" push by those who call him too arrogant and explosive to run a nuclear-armed nation. He once called young delinquents "scum," a remark that outraged the residents of poor neighborhoods and has dogged him politically.

"It won't be a walk in the park" for Sarkozy even though he is in a strong position heading into the runoff, said Bruno Cautres, researcher at the prestigious Institute for Political Sciences.

Royal, a lawmaker and feminist who says she makes political decisions based on what she would do for her children, shot to popularity by promising to run France differently.

But she has stumbled on foreign policy. In one gaffe, she praised the Chinese during a trip to Beijing for their swift justice system.

Many voters question whether she is "presidential" enough to run France.

Turnout was nearing the record of 84.8 percent for a first round, set in 1965. That year modern France held its first direct presidential election, with World War II Gen.

Charles de Gaulle and Socialist Francois Mitterrand reaching the runoff that de Gaulle went on to win.

For Royal and Sarkozy, a scramble is now on for voters in the middle ground and others who deserted the left and right in favor of farmer's son and lawmaker Francois Bayrou, one of the big surprises of the campaign.

He placed third on Sunday, with 18 percent, according to the partial results.

In the runoff, Sarkozy should be able to count on votes from the far right, whose champion Le Pen suffered his second-worst showing in five presidential elections. Partial results had him at 11 percent.

Royal's score was the highest for a Socialist since Mitterrand in 1988. But she could struggle to make up the gap with Sarkozy in round two. Candidates to her left together scored about 11 percent. They immediately swung behind her after their elimination, but their votes alone will not be enough to put Royal in power.

Many voters were determined to avoid a repeat of the shame that they felt in 2002, when a record low turnout helped Le Pen, an extreme-right nationalist with repeat convictions for anti-Semitic and racist comments, slip through into the runoff. Even voters on the left rallied around the conservative Chirac to keep Le Pen from power in that vote, and he was trounced.

"If the French people didn't learn the lesson from last time, then we really are jerks," said Corinne Keuter, a 46-year-old secretary who lined up for a half-hour to cast her ballot for Royal in northwest Paris.

Whatever the outcome, "I think this election is going to change things for the better," she said. "In 2002, people didn't seem to care."

A visibly dejected Le Pen, who accuses both the left and right of leading France to the edge of ruin, reacted to the result with sarcasm.

"I thought the French were rather unhappy. ... I was mistaken," he said. "The French are very content. The proof is that they have just re-elected the parties that were in power and that are responsible for the situation of France."

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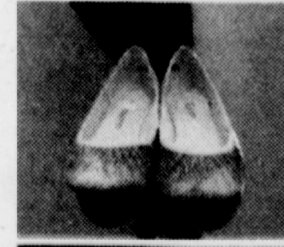
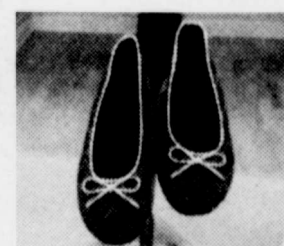
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# Study shows no link between financial success, happiness

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DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

LOS ANGELES — The question of what happiness really means and how it can be achieved has been a topic of deep human thought since Greek philosophers such as Aristotle and Plato began to discuss the true meaning of "eudaimonia," the Greek word for happiness.

They said the experience of happiness is satisfying and pleasurable but in order to be truly happy in life, pleasure should not be the ultimate goal. They believed that an excess of materialism or physical pleasure would ultimately lead people away from happiness, instead of to it.

A study reported in the most current issue of Scientific American: Mind shows that these Greek philosophers were right in suggesting that happiness does not follow financial success.

The study found that though the average American's wealth has tripled since 1950, happiness rates have not followed the same trend, but rather have remained unchanged, which illustrates the human tendency to habituate to material goods and return to a set point of happiness after their basic human needs have been met.

"You may feel very happy when you receive a great gift, but after about 24 hours you return to your normal level of happiness," said

Emeran Mayer, a professor of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences at UCLA.

This set point of happiness has been recently shown to be genetically determined by another study, which found significant similarities in happiness levels of identical twins who were raised in different environments.

Whether someone wins the lottery or loses a loved one, their happiness always returns to its inherent point, said Laura King, professor of psychological sciences at Missouri University.

For some people, happiness is easily achieved.

"In terms of becoming happier, I don't exactly strive for it because I naturally feel happy," said Semi Lee, a third-year English and classics student. "I remain happy because I surround myself with people who are usually happy and avoid conflicts and stress."

But people can also increase their set point of happiness by engaging in certain exercises and cognitive practices.

Staying away from negative emotions and concentrating on the positives is an effective way to change that inherent point on the ladder of happiness, said Martin Seligman, professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania and the founder of a newly emerging field called "positive psychology," which focuses on positive human emotions.

He said it is necessary to set important goals and create meaningful relationships with people.

Ed Diener, professor of psychology at the University of Illinois, found that the top 10 percent of the happiest students share one major thing in common: Spending time with close friends and family.

"The best way to be truly happy is to have friends and work toward your goals," said Whitney Brammer, a second-year psychology student. "Instead of thinking about happiness, people should just do it."

At UCLA's Student Psychological Services, director Elizabeth Gong-Guy makes the same suggestion.

Gong-Guy said the center's services help many students build social networks by getting them involved in student activities that suit their interests, as well as directing some to take Life Skills 101, a course offered to all students.

"By developing certain life skills that will change your environment, you can make an enormous impact on how you experience your life," she said.

Kenneth Mazey, a professor of clinical psychology at UCLA and a private clinical practitioner, said he advises people to take an active role in their own lives because doing so is essential to finding happiness.

"It is through taking action that

we can really change our environment and become happier," he added.

For Natalie Carlos, a second-year psychology student, living in the moment and engaging in personally meaningful activities is the surest way to achieve a lasting sense of fulfillment in life.

"Reaching the personal goals of having friendship and love is how I would define reaching happiness," Carlos said.

Setting goals with the intent of achieving materialistic gain does not have long-term effects, but goals directed toward helping others and saving the world make people happy in the long run, King said.

Happiness, as Aristotle and Plato said, is not the equivalent of pleasure or achieving material success in life. Happiness is a way of perceiving the world with positivity, action and optimism, King said.

Happiness should not be thought of as some sort of ultimate outcome, King said. Happiness is first and foremost a means to achieve your goals by having happiness as a cushion that will break your falls in life and allow you to stand back up even stronger, she added.

Even though happiness is genetically determined, King said, the environment and the approach you take in life can dramatically change these predispositions.

# Virginia Tech students return to campus after massacre

Justin Pope

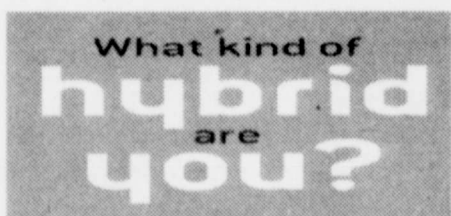
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BLACKSBURG, Va. — Still grieving and increasingly wary of the media spotlight, Virginia Tech students returned to their beleaguered campus Sunday, preparing to salvage the final weeks of a semester eclipsed by violence.

The scene on campus resembled move-in day in late summer, with parents helping their children carry suitcases into dormitories. There were tears and hugs goodbye. But instead of excitement for the year ahead, there was simply determination to endure and regroup in the fall.

When classes resume Monday, the university will give students three choices: They can continue their studies through the end of the semester next week, take a grade based on what they have done so far, or withdraw from a course without penalty.

"I want to go back. It's really strange to just stop going," said Paul Deyerle, a sophomore from Roanoke who was helping a friend move from the dormitory where another close friend, Ryan Clark, was killed.



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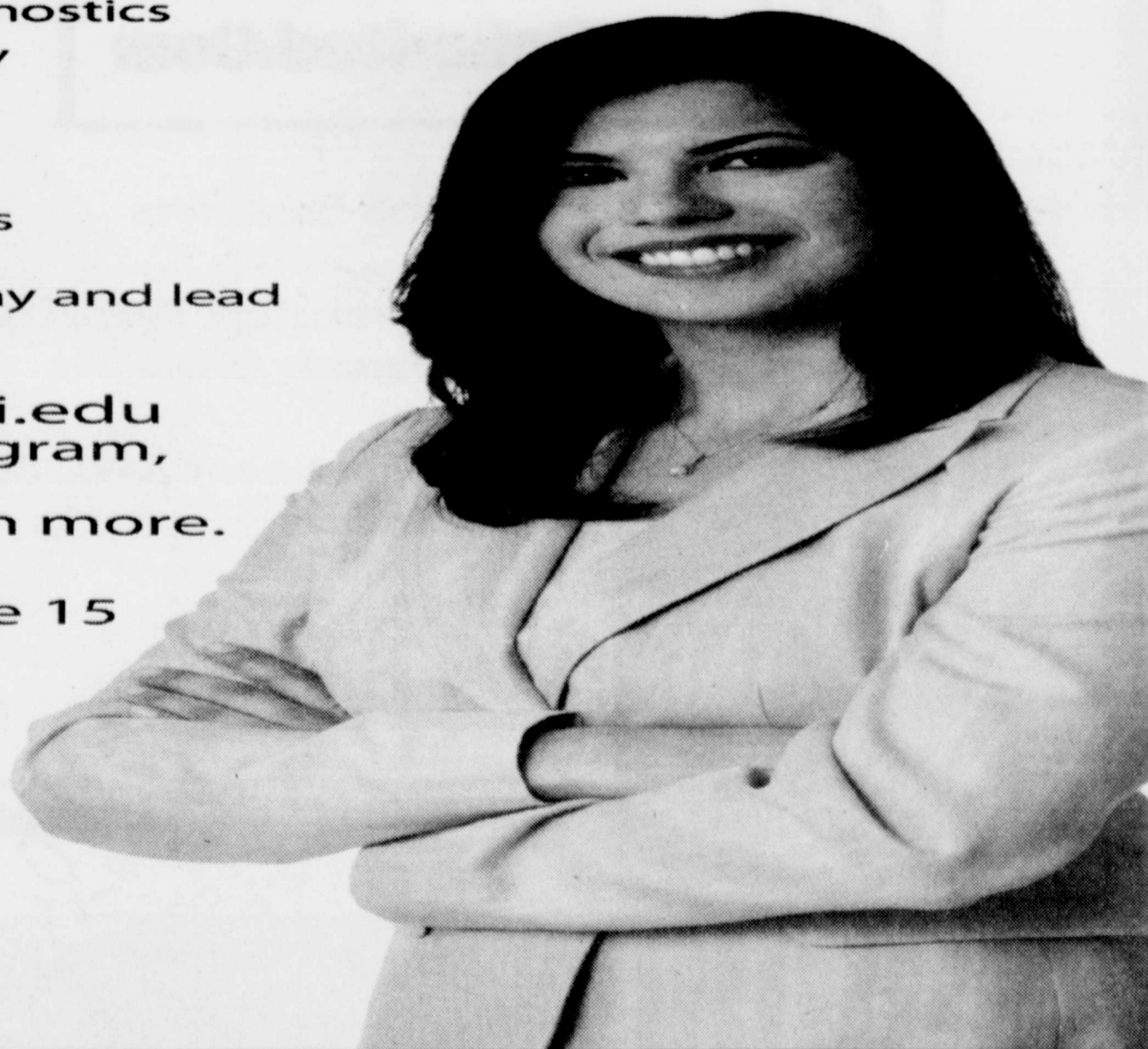
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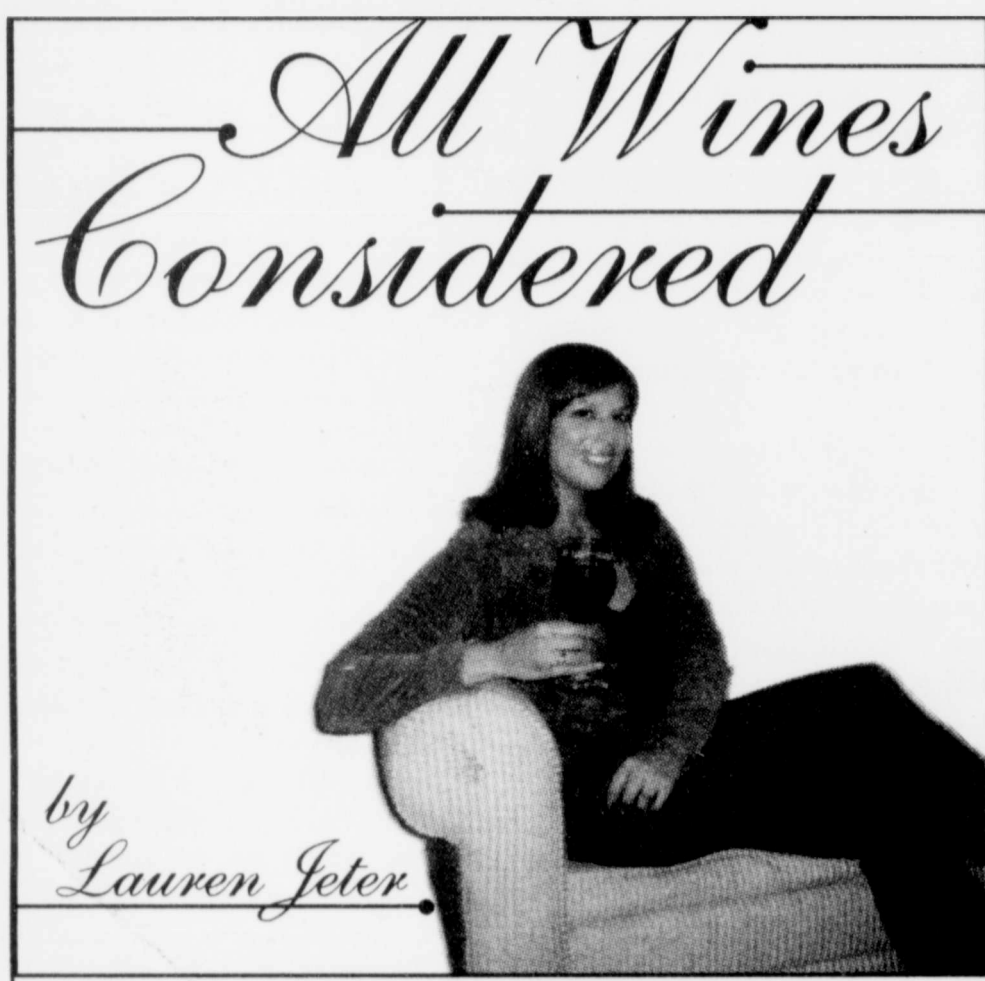
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# Would you like some cheese with that wine?

MD's 'All Wines Considered' explores the exciting world of wine and food pairings



**Y**ou've had food. You've had wine. Combining the two, well that's where it gets tricky. Actually, it's really not ... wine goes with food and food goes with wine.

The basics of what makes the the small nuances of a perfect marriage work can be laid out pretty simply. So let me begin.

Remember your extroverted party girl of a roommate? She'd go out eight nights of the week if she could. She had the alcohol tolerance of a whiskey bottle. You would never think of matching her up with your quiet engineering friend you met in the dorms. But sometimes, like Paula Abdul says, oppo-

sites attract. But looking back at the whole Sanjaya run, I might take Paula's advice with a grain of salt. But back to the whole matchmaker business. There are not rules to dating per se, just general guidelines. Wine works the same way.

You wouldn't necessarily put a zesty zinfandel with a mellow minded mahi mahi. Perhaps a better fit would be the zesty zinfandel with the robust steak you ordered. Or, the pairing of the crisp Sauvignon Blanc with the mahi mahi. But rules sometimes are meant to be broken. These are just merely suggestions.

So maybe your wine is a little too robust for your usual prefer-

ence. Out to dinner? Never you fear! You can generally take a overly-tannic wine, a wine with a huge pucker factor, and add it to proteins or salts to diminish some of that tannic feel. In this case, the zinfandel and steak scenario would be optimal.

Overly sweet wines can be matched with something sweet such as grapes or a chocolate cake. This makes the sweet wines a bit more tame to the palette. If the wine does not taste sweet enough, the use of something salty like cheese or bruschetta might make it taste more sweet.

Wines that include a high acid complexity are quite similar to the wines with high robustness. If you try something salty, the acid appears to decrease. When you have something sweet, the acid appears to decrease. It seems that both work equally to reduce the taste of an overly acidic wine.

One distinguishing trait that can be used during pairing is the relatedness of the food dish and the wine itself. If the nose of a favorite wine smells of cinnamon and raisins, you might be able to make a match. My suggestion would be to find some attribute in the food that is similar.

For example, taking a savory curry chicken dish and adding raisins to it. Doing this actually complements the wine.

So perhaps you're fixing a chicken dinner and you're wondering ... is white right? Well if you're thinking about pairing a white wine with poultry, that goes together and is part of the complementary principle. However, if you choose red for the chicken, you would be using a contrast principle, which is equally accepted. Pretty much, if you like it, have it.

Here are a few suggestions for food and wine pairings using the complementary principle: shrimp cocktails with Sauvignon Blanc, cheese and crackers with Chardonnay, lamb with a bold Shiraz, salmon with Pinot Noir and dark chocolate with Cabernet Sauvignon.

And when serving wines to others, it is important to know that white wines are the precursor to red ones. So it is best to plan to drink any white wines before serving a Merlot or Pinot Noir. Also, along those lines, make sure you serve dry wines before you serve sweet ones as not to confuse the palette.



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**Pairing wine with food, whether it's a robust red and steak or smooth white with fish, can give some added punch to lackluster meals.**

The main idea about experimenting with wine and food is that if you know basic properties of most wines you can easily adjust the food around the handicaps or strong suits of the wine. The most important part of the process .... is the process!

So no matter what you end up pairing with what, as long as the process is enjoyable, you are having a good time! Try some of my food pairing suggestions tonight, or try one of your own. But again, make sure you are having fun!

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# Virtual addiction; how serious is it?

*Cal Poly students debate the line between healthy and harmful gaming*

Michelle Norgan

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## MUSTANGDAILY 2-PART SERIES

See Tuesday's paper for an accompanying article about online gambling addiction.

Although video game addiction is a disputed form of psychological addiction, the effects of overuse of these games are not. Like almost any substance on earth, too much can hurt a person's life, relationships and career. In small amounts however, gaming is a recreation that many Americans enjoy.

For Cal Poly computer engineering junior Nelson Monterroso, healthy gaming involves using it as an addition to his social life, rather than a crutch.

"It's kind of a social thing; you make friends in games and then end up talking about things outside of the game," Monterroso said.

Monterroso used to be an avid player of the massively multiplayer online game World of Warcraft, called WoW by fans.

He said he could easily spend

several hours playing the game without becoming bored. This factor led him to slightly abuse the game, and he admitted that sometimes he neglected school because he enjoyed the game so much.

"There was an obvious slip in my motivation, and I would skip class sometimes," Monterroso said.

Monterroso pointed out that during this time period he also missed class for reasons other than video gaming, leading him to believe the game wasn't the only cause of his slipping grades.

He said he can definitely see that certain people become addicted to the game and others simply like it.

"When they are addicted, they

hate it but keep on playing it," Monterroso said. "They deny real life social interaction because they need to play the game."

He said most start for fun, but when they begin to skip meals and choose the game over friends and school, it becomes an unhealthy habit. They play the game because they can't make themselves stop or don't know what else to do, he said.

"My sole reason for playing was to be social, and it sounds ironic because it's a game, but that was why it was fun," Monterroso said.

He recently stopped playing the game because the friends he had made in the game began to leave, and without them it was not nearly as enjoyable.

Monterroso's friend, Jake Andersen, fell on just the other side of the line between avid gamer and addicted.

"My overzealous gaming is somewhat responsible for the fact that I am no longer at Cal Poly, and there were occasions where I wondered if I was missing out on anything with friends," said Andersen, a former electrical engineering major.

He admits that during his freshman year at Cal Poly, he was in the habit of playing anywhere from 50 to 60 hours a week. He found the social interaction within the game was a nice way to escape from his shyness in person.

Andersen also agreed that people can become addicted to video games, and said he used to be.

"One can become addicted to video games just as easily as anything else," Andersen said. "The

most common definition of addiction I have is simply a need for something you are powerless to control."

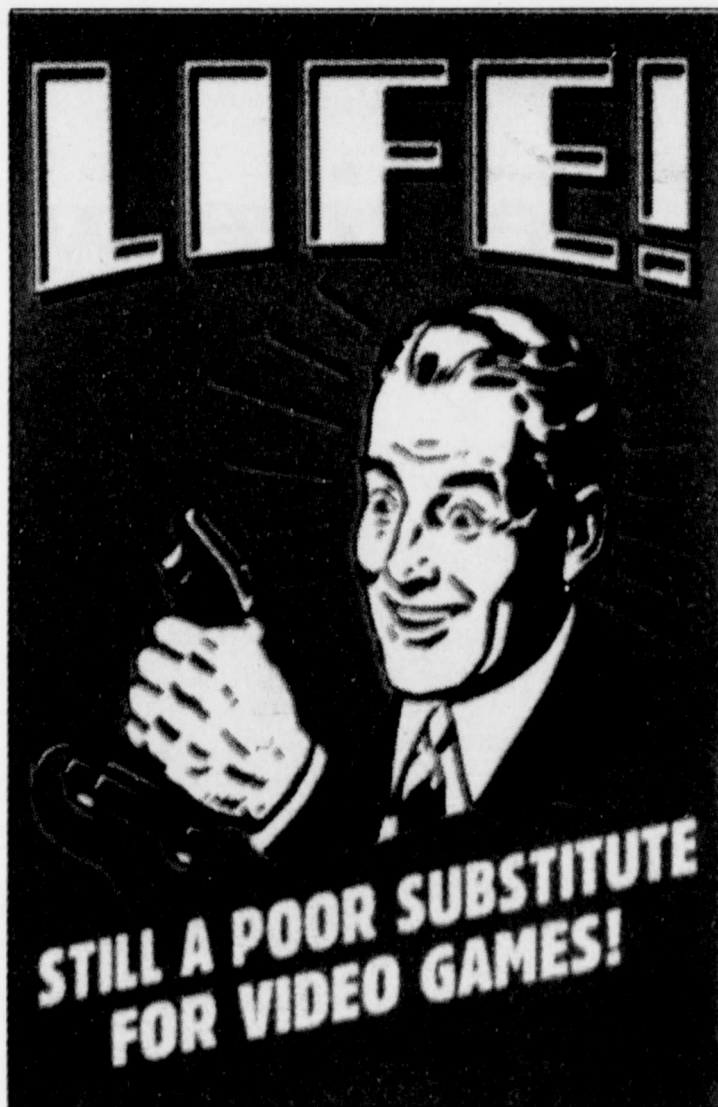
Andersen said he used games to get away from his personal unhappiness. In real life, he was a confused student with poor grades, and felt he had no way to change that. He couldn't excel in his current major, and was unable to switch to another.

"I used games to escape from the fact that I didn't know what my purpose was in life," Andersen said.

In the video games he played, he said he felt no restrictions or goals. He could do what he wanted without having to worry about failing.

Since leaving Cal Poly, Andersen has taken steps to control his gaming. He said he still enjoys video games, but plays about 20 hours a week. He uses that time to "hang out" with friends who are far away from him.

For both Andersen and Monterroso, video games are a pleasurable and satisfying hobby. Neither one would consider stopping, although both admit they are careful not to abuse them.



Although addiction is not limited to games like WoW, that let players connect over the Internet, they seem to be the most often mentioned. Monterroso pointed out that games like Guitar Hero, that lets players connect in person, are just as addicting.

Both men also agreed that although there are far more people using games in a healthy and recreational manner, addiction gets more notice because it has such a dramatic affect on people's lives.

"I talk to people a lot about what is wrong with becoming addicted, but I can see why people who are having fun can get that way," Monterroso said.



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Jack Smith, of Maplewood, N.J., high fives a clerk after waiting 18 hours to be first in line to purchase Pokemon Diamond and Pokemon Pearl.

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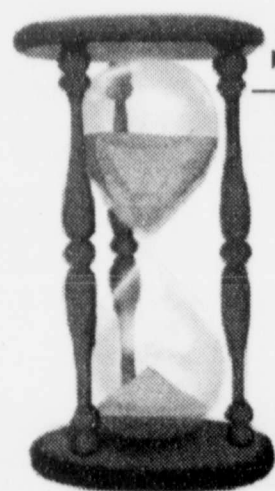
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- 1968 Students protesting the Vietnam War at Columbia University take over administration buildings and shut down the university.
- 1993 Mexican-American labor activist César Chávez dies.
- 2003 Beijing closes all schools for two weeks due to the SARS virus.

# Creative ways to help the environment

Michelle Norgan  
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly students had time to think of how they can make their world a better place during Earth Day on Sunday.

"Conservation begins in our own backyards," said professor Douglas Piirto, head of the natural resources management department. "It begins with you and I as we make decisions on how we live."

Here are a few ideas of how to make a difference on an individual level. They all can be accomplished by a college student, and without spending a great deal of money.

First of all, **try changing to compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs)**. They are a special kind of bulb that use a quarter of the electricity of a regular lightbulb and last much longer. These swirled bulbs cost a bit more initially, but pay off in the end.

**Switch to tap instead of bottled water** that creates a large amount of waste through its packaging and distribution. A reusable water filter and pitcher combo that can be put in the refrigerator gives the same taste. In general, also look for products with less packaging when you shop.

"We all need to become more informed consumers," Piirto said. "We have to understand where (the products we use) come from."

**Turn off appliances and electronics when they are not being used.** According to an article on

improving our environment in Time magazine, 75 percent of the electricity used in American households comes from electronics running while not directly in use.

For example, the average desktop computer uses between 60 and 250 watts of electricity a day. Turning that computer off between uses saves a great deal of energy and money.

Save some trees the easy way by **paying bills online**. Most utility companies now offer this option to

**getting a tune-up** can all increase gas mileage.

But Piirto said he hopes that students act responsibly when they do maintenance like an oil change. Trying to save a few dollars is never a good reason to dump used motor oil into a drain.

Just using the traditional methods that have been pushed for years is always a smart bet. Recycle bottles, cans and paper and chose to walk or ride a bike instead of driving.

"Try to live a responsible life; if you consume it then dispose of it in a responsible manner," Piirto said.

Finally, there are lots of other creative and different ways to help. For example, Patagonia, an outdoor clothing maker, is **collecting their used clothes to recycle them**. They estimate that recycling the polyester from these fleece-like clothes will save 76 per-

cent of the energy used to make them.

"Students can seek out on our own campus a whole host of courses on conservation," Piirto said.

Since Cal Poly has a fully accredited natural resources management program which has been approved by the Society of American Foresters, Piirto suggested students look there first.

"Let's be open-minded, seek answers and debate issues with respect for others," Piirto said. "Ask the right questions so you can make the right decisions."

Conservation begins in our own backyards. It begins with you and I as we make decisions on how we live

— Douglas Piirto

Head of natural resources management depart.

their clients, and it is a quick way to cut back on paper usage. Also, when going to the grocery store B.Y.O.B. **Bring your own shopping bag made of cloth** that can be reused each time.

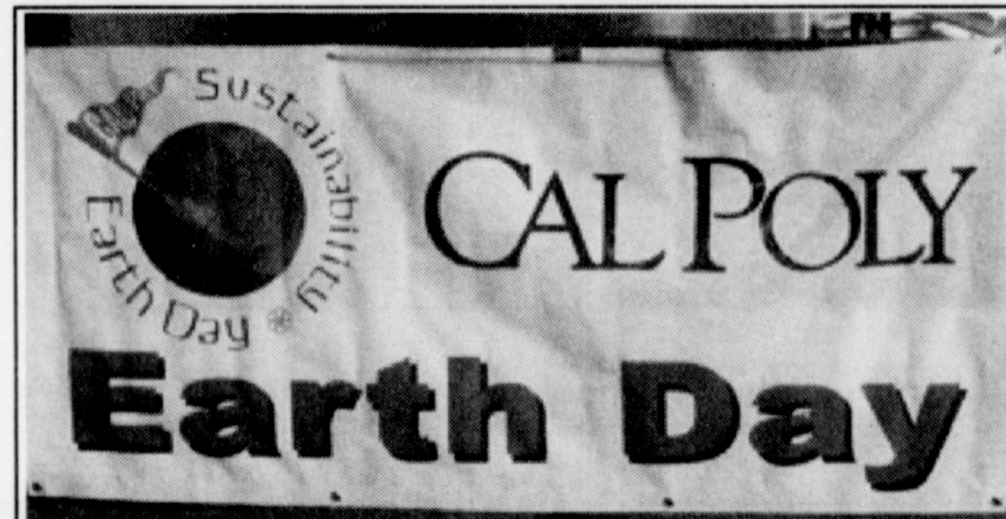
"We will always need forest products," Piirto said. "It's about understanding that we as consumers have needs but that we can mediate them in terms of what and how much we use."

Save money by keeping up with simple car maintenance. Things such as **properly inflating tires, changing a dirty air filter, or simply**



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Deforestation is a world-wide problem that affects the environment. Cal Poly students can help prevent it by buying recycled products.



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Cal Poly celebrated Earth Day this year and promoted sustainable living through presentations about energy saving products and processes.

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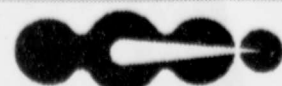
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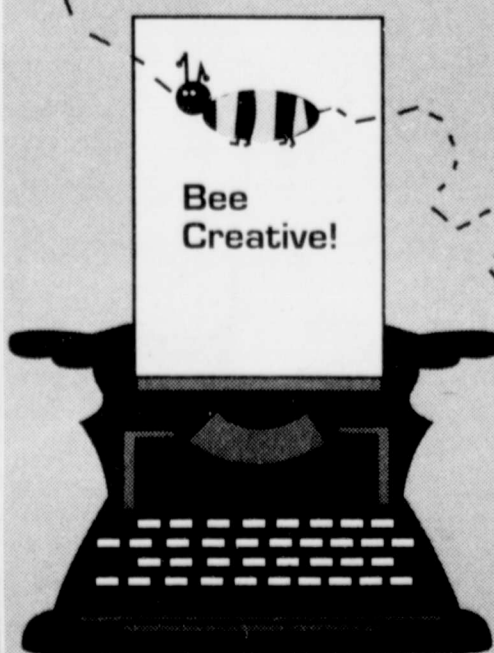
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## POLITICAL COLUMN

# Dark reminder about gun control

Our nation was unified in mourning this past week, as gunshots shattered the peace, quiet and tranquility of Virginia Tech, a school not unlike our own in many respects. Indeed, the events in Blacksburg were of great weight for Cal Poly students, who carried the knowledge that the two schools are eerily similar in size and educational focus. Many whispered the words: "This could have happened here," and indeed, it very well could have.

It has only been 8 years, to the week, since Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris killed 12 students and a teacher at Columbine High School. It has been six months since five schoolgirls were gunned down in an Amish schoolhouse in Lancaster, Pa. Each of these events froze the nation in awe and bewilderment; shock that someone could perpetrate such an awful event and bewilderment at why it wasn't prevented. And after every event, it is sworn that something like this will never happen again. And yet they still do.

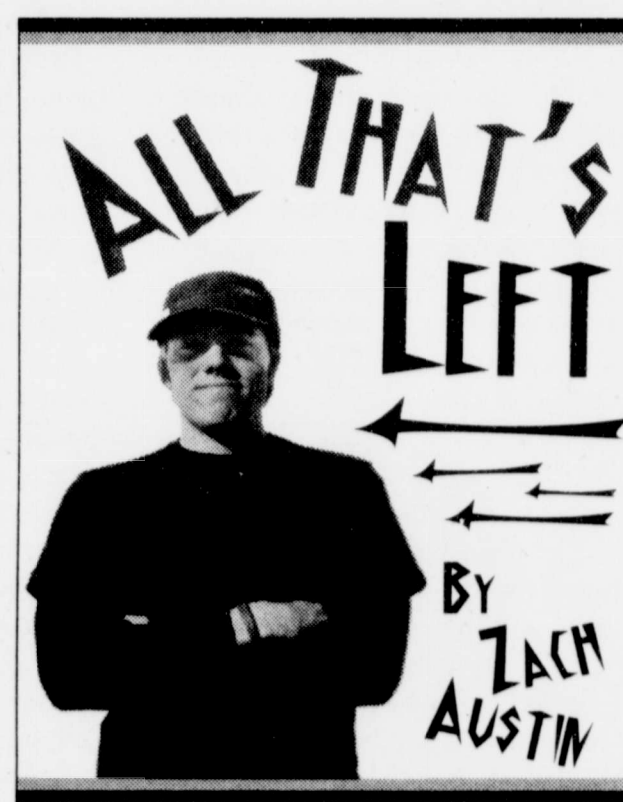
As close to home as the shootings in Virginia came, it was also a vivid, in-your-face reminder of the impact gun violence has on the United

States. Every year, more than 30,000 people are shot to death in the United States, sixty thousand more are injured. That's almost 1,000 off-camera deaths for everyone at Virginia Tech. As startling as the event last Monday was, it serves as a more startling reminder that it is only the tip of the iceberg.

Cho Seung-Hui purchased the Walther .22 and the Glock 7 mm handguns he used to slaughter 32 innocent people in a completely legal fashion. All Cho had to do was wait the standard 30 days to purchase a firearm in Virginia, and submit to the standard state and national background checks. But serious questions have to be raised about the fact that someone who had been so clearly identified as mentally disturbed can so easily purchase high-

powered handguns. Unfortunately, politicians of both parties are complicit in the horrible gun violence that plagues this nation. The day of the shootings in Blacksburg, President Bush stated that he was "saddened and angered by this senseless tragedy." But will this president do about it? He already has: In 2005, George Bush signed legislation that gave the gun industry wide immunity from consumer lawsuits. Now, the gun industry has full protection from lawsuits in which they knowingly sell firearms to killers. No other industry has this protection, not even the tobacco or alcohol industries. In President Bush's eyes, what makes the gun industry so special, particularly when they make the devices that kill 30,000 people a year? Saddened and angered indeed.

Nor can Democrats be spared in the matter. Days after the Virginia Tech shootings, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said, "I hope there's not a rush to do anything." No rush, Harry? No rush before another 30,000 are killed next year? The callous indifference shown by Reid is enough to make one angry, particularly when it comes in the aftermath of such a vivid, graphic display of gun violence. So here we sit, in the aftermath of



yet another graphic reminder of the gun violence that plagues this country. And again, we have politicians that will sit on their hands, except when an opportunity arises to protect gun manufacturers from the families of those their product kills. We need tough, sensible gun control laws that ensure that guns only fall into the hands of those who will use them in a safe, legal manner. And we need politicians that will recognize the horrendous gun violence this country faces, and take the actions necessary to stop it. Our country deserves better.

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## STAFF COMMENTARY

# Latest fashion trend: designer water

A new trend is taking campus by storm. I'm not talking about any designer jeans, bags or shoes. It isn't even anything you wear. It's the water you carry around.

I'm not sure why, but apparently water is now a fashion statement.

The most popular one is probably smartwater, but I've seen quite a few bottles of FIJI and even the occasional VOSS. Evian isn't that popular anymore — it's just too '90s.

It's kind of ridiculous that people find it necessary to spend this much money on the thing that makes up almost 75 percent of our body weight.

The average case of 24 bottles of water at the grocery store costs between \$4 and \$7. The same amount of smartwater goes for about \$15. You can order FIJI for home delivery at just \$29 a case. VOSS is \$43 a case for the plastic bottle or you can get 12 glass bottles for \$35. And no, none of these are sparkling; it's just plain drinking water.

It's funny that we complain about how much gas is (close to \$3.50 a gallon) and then some people go out and spend more than \$9 a gallon for their trendy water.

Water is something we can get for free. OK, so I don't drink tap water, but it is available. I know

it doesn't taste good and I will completely agree that some water is better than others. My problem is that I don't see that much difference between the bottled brands, so I did some homework.

Smartwater is bottled by a company called Glaceau. They say that smartwater is different because it's vapor distilled. I'm not sure why, but I guess that's better than purified water.

Then, they add a "unique blend of electrolytes" (magnesium, potassium and calcium) which are supposed to be "perfect for outrunning taxis, making leaps and bounds (or) dodging low flying birds," according to the Web site.

I've tasted it and it tastes the same to me. You do get to look at a cute little fishy while you drink, though. I'm not sure if that would really make me want to pay extra, but it's OK if you do.

FIJI is natural artesian water. OK, let's find out what that means. According to their Web site, artesian water comes from an aquifer underground that has no contact with air or pollutants because it's protected by rock and clay.

This brand comes from an aquifer at the edge of a rain forest in the Yacara Valley of Viti Levu. It also has higher silica levels than most other bottled waters.

VOSS also comes from an aquifer, but this one is in southern Norway. It was created by two Norwegian men, Ole Christian Sandberg and Christopher Harlem. They focus just as much, if not more, on the image of the brand as they do the water itself.

It was created to be a trend. They wanted a cool bottle that was distinct and recognizable; one that looked like it cost a lot. This just shows that it isn't anything special about the water. At least VOSS can admit that and doesn't try to act like the water is actually healthier than more generic brands.

If you want to look like you have money, buy the expensive water, but don't try to act like it has nothing to do with the prestige of the bottle.

All I'm trying to say is that no one would ever open up a bottle of VOSS and pour it into their free ASI water bottle, but I'm sure people reuse smartwater bottles and fill them up with Brita water. If you cared that much about the water itself, you wouldn't make sure your FIJI bottle was always sitting right in front of you for all to see.

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## Bonds hits No. 740, helps Giants to 2-1 win over D'Backs

San Francisco's 42-year-old slugger is now 15 homers away from Hank Aaron's all-time record.

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SAN FRANCISCO — The countdown is on. Barry Bonds is closing in on Hank Aaron in a hurry.

Bonds hit his 740th home run Sunday, connecting for the second consecutive game and helping Matt Cain earn his first win of the season in the San Francisco Giants' 2-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"It's awesome for him to be swinging it like he's swinging it," Cain said. Cain wasn't bad himself.

The right-hander pitched a three-hitter for his third career complete game and first since a one-hitter last May 21 at Oakland. He struck out four and walked four in a game that lasted just 1 hour, 56 minutes. It was the fastest nine-inning game in the major leagues since Arizona beat St. Louis 3-0 in 1 hour, 54 minutes on Sept. 9 last season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Bonds moved within 15 homers of Aaron's record. With two outs in the fourth inning, he sent the first pitch from Yusmeiro Petit (0-1) into the seats in the right-field arcade for his sixth homer of the season.

"He doesn't have anything bother-

ing him," Giants second baseman Ray Durham said. "The sky's the limit."

The 42-year-old Bonds walked out to left field in the top of the fifth to a loud standing ovation, tipping his cap as he made his way to his spot. Fans bowed over the left-field fence.

Petit, called up from Triple-A Tucson before the game to make his second major league start, became the 438th pitcher to give up a homer to Bonds.

"He changes your club, your lineup, including the opposing pitcher seeing Barry out there," first-year San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy said. "I can't say enough about what he's done for us the last few days. It's pretty remarkable what he's doing at his age. ... Since coming over here, it amazes me what he does. It tells you how much better he is than any of the rest of us."

Bonds flied out and struck out looking in his other two at-bats, but his home run and Pedro Feliz's shot leading off the third led the Giants to their season-best fifth straight victory.

Bonds hit his 739th homer in the second inning of Saturday's 1-0 victory to help Barry Zito win at home for the first time with the Giants. This marked the first time Bonds homered in back-to-back games since Sept. 22 to 23 last year at Milwaukee. Bonds had homers in three in a row from Sept. 2 to 4, the first two at Chicago and the third in Cincinnati.

Cain (1-1) allowed a leadoff single by Eric Byrnes to start the game, but that was it until Byrnes and Alberto Callaspo each singled with none out in the ninth. Orlando Hudson grounded into a double play to bring in the Diamondbacks' lone run. Cain, who had thrown 101 pitches at that point, then received a visit on the mound from pitching coach Dave Righetti and stayed in the game.

After walking Chad Tracy, Cain retired Tony Clark on a game-ending grounder. Durham made a great stop on the play. If the ball had gone by him, Cain would have been lifted.

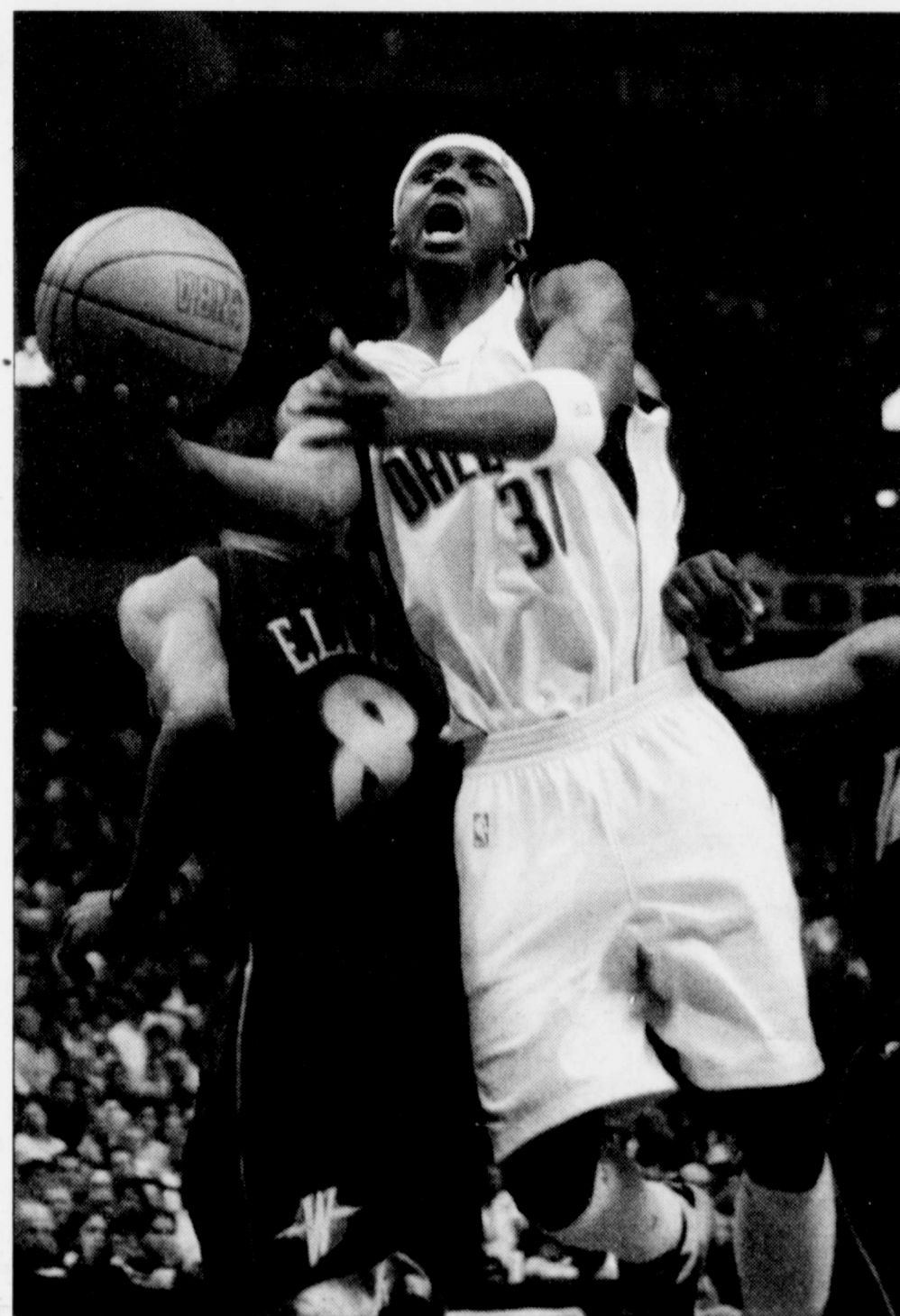
"His fastball has life to it," Byrnes said. "It has a giddy-up at the end. He's a different type of guy than Zito. He throws fastballs that register in the low 90s, and they appear a lot faster than that."

Cain bounced back after a no-decision at Colorado on Sunday, when he pitched seven scoreless innings and allowed only two hits.

"There's nothing more respectful (than) for him to put the confidence in me to complete the ninth," Cain said about Bochy. "It was great to be able to be back out there."

Cain, who led all NL rookies with 13 wins last season, pitched well enough to win in his first three starts. He gave up only three hits in his previous two outings — and one run in 14 innings.

## Warriors stun Mavs 97-85 for 1st playoff win since 1992



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Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Terry (31) goes to the basket between Golden State Warriors guards Monta Ellis (8) and Baron Davis in the first half of the Mavericks' 97-85 loss in Game 1 of the two teams' Western Conference first-round NBA playoff series Sunday night. Terry scored 17 points.

Golden State's last playoff victory came against the Seattle SuperSonics in a 3-1 first-round series loss at the end of the 1991-92 season.

Jaime Aron  
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DALLAS — Don Nelson's wacky ways still win playoff games in Dallas — even though he's now coaching the Golden State Warriors.

Baron Davis scored 19 of his 33 points in the third quarter, carry-

ing Nellie's small-ball lineup to a 97-85 victory over the Dallas Mavericks in Game 1 of their Western Conference series Sunday night.

An eighth seed beating a top seed, especially one that won 67 regular-season games, normally would be a stunner. But this was Golden State's sixth straight win over Dallas; the Warriors are 4-0 against the Mavs since Nelson joined the bench this season.

Davis nearly had a triple-double with 14 rebounds and eight assists. Stephen Jackson added 23 points as Golden State, playing its first postseason game since 1994, got its first playoff win since April 25, 1992, and first playoff road win since May 8, 1991.

The Mavericks made the NBA finals last year and are expecting to get back again, especially after their strong regular season. But all that earned them for the playoffs was home-court advantage, and they've now squandered that. Game 2 will be in Dallas on Wednesday night.

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"With the wind blowing out, they had some good approaches and everything that was hit was hit on line," Lee said.

Emotions were running high in the top of the eighth, both on the field and in the stands.

The Mustangs tried to bring it back when third baseman Brent Morel hit his fifth homer of the season to center field, making it 11-10 with one out. The comeback was short-lived, however, as two immediate outs ended the inning and the Mustangs' comeback attempt.

Lee said he was satisfied with all of the facets of the game except pitching.

"Pitching is what it's all about," Lee said. "It's a tough ball park to pitch in during the day time, because it plays very offensive."

Cal Poly starting sophomore right-hander Thomas Eager allowed six earned runs on seven hits in 6 2/3 innings. Eager had a 3.32 ERA with 102 pitches, 64 of which were strikes.

The loss went to junior southpaw Grant Theophilus (0-1), who allowed two earned runs when he faced two batters in the eighth.

Cal Poly could have found its

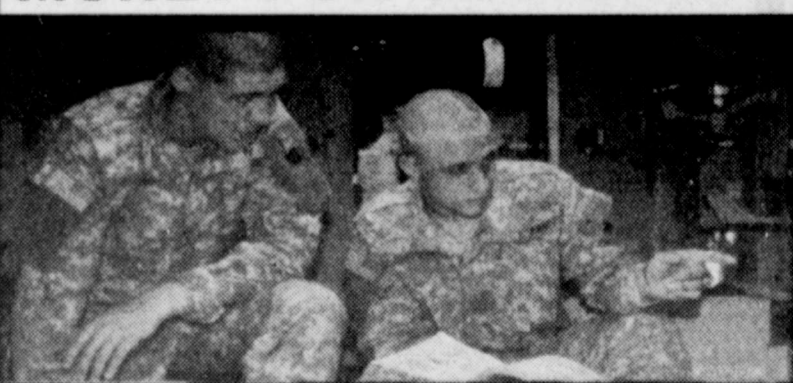
Friday night starter after sophomore right-hander Eric Massingham has toed the rubber three series in a row. He allowed only one run on five hits and had three strikeouts in six innings Friday.

"As long as he can give us four, five or six quality innings, I still think that we're strong as the series gets into Saturday and Sunday," Lee said. "This week it just didn't work out like we drew it up."

The Mustangs' sophomore center fielder, Logan Schafer, suffered a groin injury Sunday. Lee didn't know whether Schafer will be ready to play in next week's nonconference series at Fresno State.

"We've been here before and we've gone through these struggles before," Lee said. "It's not a good feeling, but we'll try to learn from it and prepare ourselves for the next series."

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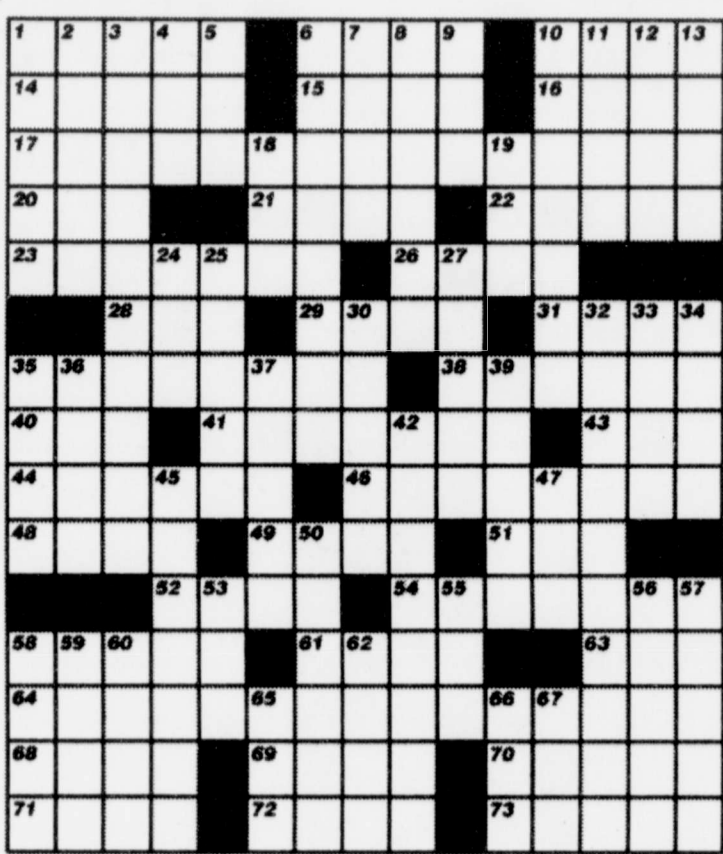
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champ was 1-for-10 shooting in the fourth quarter, when Phoenix pulled away.

"Kobe ran out of gas in the fourth quarter," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "Their defense did a great job against our offense, and we couldn't find a way to get on track."

That's right, a Suns' team known for its prolific offense relied on defense. Phoenix held Los Angeles to 10 fourth-quarter points.

"Our defense was the key to the game," Steve Nash said. "Obviously there's not much we can do on the runs Kobe went on, but if you look at the entire game, our defense was solid."

Nash had 20 points and 10 assists and Shawn Marion 16 points and 16 rebounds for a Phoenix team that struggled mightily on offense until Barbosa provide the spark, highlighted by a 31-footer at the third-quarter buzzer that cut the Lakers' lead to 77-74 entering the fourth.

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"It was a really big shot," Nash said, "a turning point there."

Lamar Odom, who had to leave the game briefly to get five stitches in a cut over his left eye, had 17 points and 16 rebounds for Los Angeles.

Game 2 of the rematch of last year's first round series is Tuesday night in Phoenix. The Suns won the opener last year, too, but lost the next three, then regrouped to win the last three and advance.

Bryant, 11-of-17 shooting in the first half and 4-of-16 in the second, refuted any suggestion that his late-game troubles were due to fatigue.

"No, I was fine. I was fine," he said. "We didn't execute like we did in that first half, so my touches became a lot harder."

Nash said he didn't know if Bryant wore down, "but certainly it's not easy to go kind of one-on-one that long."

Energy was no problem for Barbosa.

His personal scoring surge erased a 77-71 deficit. Barbosa's driving layup on an ultra-fast break put Phoenix ahead 79-77 with 10:29. It was the Suns' first lead since it was 13-11 midway through the first quarter.

"He is just so much faster than anybody else it's unbelievable," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said.

The Phoenix run reached 16-4 after Boris Diaw made one of two free throws to give the Suns an 87-81 lead 6:27 from the finish. With Bryant misfiring, Phoenix stretched it to 91-83 on Stoudemire's dunk after a pass from Barbosa, who had tumbled to the floor, with 3:32 left.

Bryant's lone field goal in the fourth quarter was a layup.

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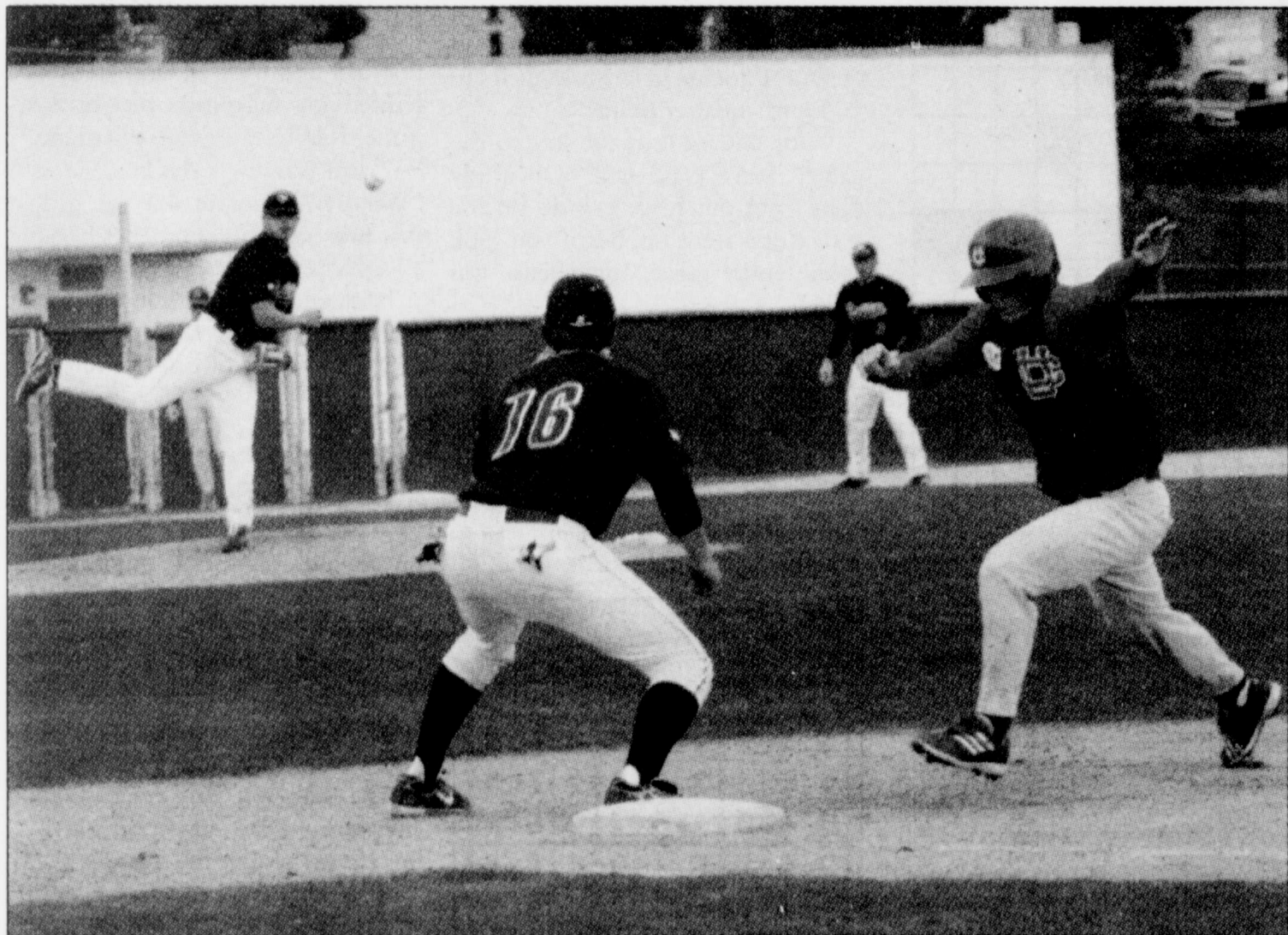
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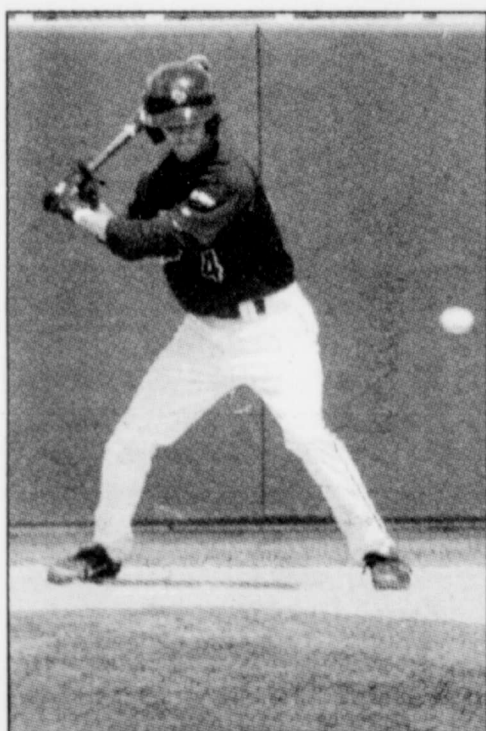
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## Controversial no-call leads to game, series losses for Mustangs



Above, Cal Poly sophomore starting right-hander Thomas Eager (far left) attempts the pickoff throw to sophomore first baseman Adam Buschini (16) during the Mustangs' 11-10 Big West Conference loss to visiting UC Riverside on Sunday at Baggett Stadium. Below, Cal Poly freshman shortstop Kyle Smith awaits a pitch.



At 8-4, Cal Poly is now a half-game back of first-place Cal State Fullerton (7-2) in the Big West Conference.

Ryan Chartrand  
MUSTANG DAILY

Down by one in the bottom of the ninth is never an easy situation. When the Mustangs stepped up

to the plate to either tie or win the game against UC Riverside on Sunday at Baggett Stadium, a questionable call by home plate umpire Jason Venzon gave the game and series to the Highlanders, 11-10.

"We didn't take care of business and it's going to cost us," Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee said.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth and the Highlanders leading 11-10, pinch hitter Bryan Kepner took a pitch to the shoulder and was ready to walk, but was called back by Venzon. The crowd erupted in disagreement.

"They said he dove into it," Lee said.

The walk would have put two runners on base, but the following 1-2 pitch to Kepner struck him out and ended the game.

"We wanted to minimize the (Big West) conference down to nine games with only three losses," Lee said. "We needed to win this series."

The Mustangs lost the series against UC Riverside two games to one, losing Friday's game, 3-1, and shutting the Highlanders out Saturday, 3-0.

After letting an 8-2 lead slip away Sunday, the Mustangs fell to 21-20 overall and 8-4 in the Big West. They fall to second in the Big West standings behind Cal State Fullerton (26-12, 7-2) and will likely fall from their No. 29 spot in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll, which will be released today.

"Wins are extremely important, but it's important to be strong in the Big West," Lee said.

The game started off tied at two runs each after the first inning, but a strong offensive attack by the Mustangs in the sixth turned the game around.

When the sun finally came out over Baggett Stadium in the bottom of the sixth inning, Cal Poly junior right fielder Grant Desme hit a double down the left-field line with the bases loaded and took three RBI, making the score 8-2.

The 1,006 fans in attendance thought the game was over when the Mustangs had an 8-2 lead after the sixth inning. A home run by UC Riverside's Jeff Dunbar in the top of the seventh changed the tide.

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## Poly women's tennis team suffers 7-0 loss at No. 16 Fresno State

The Mustangs closed the regular season with their first loss since a 5-2 defeat at Cal State Northridge on April 3.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

FRESNO — Despite an upset in doubles, the Cal Poly women's tennis team fell to Fresno State 7-0 in the Mustangs' final dual match of

the regular season Saturday at Wathen Tennis Center.

Brittany Blalock and Steffi Wong upset Fresno State's No. 1 doubles team of Melanie Gloria and Tinesta Rowe 8-6, but the Bulldogs won the other two doubles sets to earn the doubles point and swept all six singles matches in straight sets to improve to 16-3 on the year.

Gloria is ranked No. 3 in the

United States in singles.

"It was a great match for us in preparation for the Big West Conference finals," Cal Poly head coach Hugh Bream said.

The Big West Conference Championships will be held Friday through Sunday at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells.

Cal Poly is 7-11 overall and 3-4 in the Big West.

## Kontra throws 1-hitter, helps Poly softball team avoid sweep at UCD

The Mustangs bounced back after dropping a doubleheader Saturday for the first time since May 2006.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

DAVIS — Junior right-hander Robyn Kontra threw a complete-game, one-hitter and retired the final 16 batters she faced to help the Cal Poly softball team salvage the final game of a nonconference series from UC Davis on Sunday at La Rue Field, 5-1.

After allowing the Aggies' solo score in the second, Kontra (10-4) closed out the hosts in perfect fashion. After tossing 47 pitches during the first two innings, Kontra threw just 41 in the remaining five frames without allowing an Aggie to reach base. During the course of the afternoon, Kontra faced just three hitters more than the minimum.

Kontra's previous low for hits surrendered in a game was two, established during a complete-game, five-inning, 8-0 victory against St. Francis on March 7, 2006.

Saturday's 2-0, 4-3 sweep by UC Davis ensured the Mustangs' first series loss since Cal State Fullerton took two of three games from the Mustangs from May 6 to 7, 2006. But the Mustangs avoided being swept for the first time in more than two years by erasing an early deficit with a three-run fourth inning.

Sunday's win ended a three-game losing skid for the Mustangs (33-12, 8-1 Big West Conference), who took the Big West lead Saturday on percentage points after Cal State Fullerton earned a series victory from previously unbeaten Pacific. Beginning with a

noon doubleheader against UC Santa Barbara on April 28, Cal Poly has just nine regular-season games remaining — all against Big West foes with the program's first conference title at stake.

The Aggies (28-19-1) struck their only offensive blow in the second as catcher Deanna Menapace earned a leadoff walk, was sacrificed to second by Nikki Sheldon, reached third on a Kontra wild pitch and scored on an error by second baseman Stephanie Tam.

The Mustangs responded two innings later to post an unassailable lead. Shortstop Melissa Pura laced a one-out double down the left-field line before first baseman Krysten Cary followed with a walk. Designated player Sarah Iwata then drove a full-count delivery from UC Davis starter Jessica Hancock up the middle to score Pura. Catcher Jackie Gehrke-Jones produced the lone lead change of the afternoon by doubling over Aggies center fielder Trish Paine and clearing the bases for a 3-1 advantage.

The Mustangs padded their lead in the sixth. Iwata led off the inning with a double to the base of the center-field wall. Right fielder Jenna Maiden sacrificed Iwata to third before Gehrke-Jones struck again, this time singling up the middle to score Iwata for a 4-1 lead. An ensuing fielder's choice from third baseman Cristen Lee eliminated Gehrke-Jones at second. However, left fielder Kelly Comstock's infield single extended the inning for Lisa Modglin, who singled into center field to score Lee from second and provide the margin of victory.

Hancock (13-10), who earned a victory and save Saturday, completed the circle of decisions by taking the loss Sunday.

## Lakers lose Game 1 despite Kobe's 39 points

Los Angeles shot a higher percentage from the field than Phoenix and won the battle on the boards, but was outscored 21-10 in the fourth quarter.

Bob Baum  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — For a long time Sunday, the Phoenix Suns couldn't make a shot and Kobe Bryant couldn't miss.

Then Leandro Barbosa, the "Brazilian Blur," brought the NBA's highest-scoring offense to life, and Bryant went from awesome to awful.

The result was a second-half rally that gave the Suns a 95-87 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers in their first-round Western Conference playoff opener.

"They did everything in the book to give this game away," Lakers guard Smush Parker said, "and we didn't take advantage of it."

Barbosa showed why he is a leading candidate for the NBA's sixth man award. The speedy guard scored 19 of his 26 points in the second half, including 15 consecutive Phoenix points in one stretch, to match his career playoff scoring high.

"I was just trying to be aggressive like I've been the whole season," Barbosa said. "They were trying to slow down the game, and it's not the way that we like to play."

Amare Stoudemire, back in the postseason after missing last year's while recovering from two knee surgeries, added 23 points and 12 rebounds.

Bryant scored 39, but only 11 in the second half. The NBA's scoring

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